



Satellite image with enhanced low cloud-top temperatures (degrees C) for 7:15 a.m. EDT (NOAA)

### **Agricultural Weather Highlights - Wednesday - June 12, 2002**

- ***In the West***, hot, breezy weather is expanding across the region, hampering wildfire containment efforts and increasing irrigation demands.
- ***On the Plains***, hot, dry weather across the ***southern half of the region*** favors winter wheat maturation and harvesting, although pastures and dryland summer crops from ***South Dakota to the southern High Plains*** continue to suffer from a lack of moisture. Meanwhile, spring-sown small grains in ***Montana*** and ***North Dakota*** are benefiting from recent soil moisture improvements.
- ***In the Corn Belt***, locally heavy showers and thunderstorms are spreading into the ***Ohio and middle Mississippi Valleys***, hampering final summer crop planting and causing some renewed lowland flooding. Elsewhere in the ***Midwest***, conditions remain mostly favorable for corn and soybean development.
- ***In the South***, hot weather is boosting irrigation demands and increasing stress on pastures and rain-fed summer crops. Showers, triggered by a weak tropical wave, are confined to ***southern and eastern Florida***.

**Outlook:** During the second half of the week, scattered showers will accompany a meandering, late-spring storm across the ***north-central U.S.*** Farther south, a slow-moving cold front will trigger showers and thunderstorms in the ***central Plains, Corn Belt, Mid-Atlantic States, and New England***. By week's end, showers will spread into the ***Southeastern and Gulf Coast States***, while showers may linger in the ***Midwest and Northeast***. The ***West*** will remain hot and dry, but showers may develop on the ***southern Plains*** over the weekend. The NWS 6-10 day outlook for June 17-21 calls for above-normal rainfall in ***New England*** and the ***southern Atlantic region***, but below-normal precipitation across the ***northern Plains and upper Midwest***. Below-normal temperatures are expected from the ***northern and central Plains into the Northeast***, while warmer-than-normal weather is forecast in the ***northern Rockies and Northwest***.

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